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REINFORCED COMPOSITES

Examiner: K. Nguyen

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued November 7, 2000. The Examiner set a three month period for response. A petition and fee authorization for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this response due on or before March 7, 2003. Applicants submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application and are under consideration, as claims 17-20 stand withdrawn from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation/divisional application directed to the invention of claims 17-20.

IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hatch et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,840,386). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The present invention relates to thermal spray coatings for fiber reinforced polymeric composites and a process for producing the coatings and the articles of

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COMMENTS:

Attached is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 for the above-referenced case.

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